Results of AIDS Outreach in Alaska

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A phone message came through the other day from Joe Cantil, the AIDS Project Manager, that our abstract we recently submitted to the Tenth International Congress on Circumpolar Health has been accepted!

I've been working with Joe since the original "Support for Health Science Librarians to Carry Out AIDS Outreach in the Pacific Northwest" article appeared in the November/December 1994 issue of the *Supplement.* Our modest proposal was submitted in April 1995, and consisted of a projected $965 spent for a fax/modem, software installation, Grateful Med software and training, and online search costs for six months. After the funding arrived, we did some very quick learning about the World Wide Web at a workshop taught by Nancy Press and Neil Rambo. We realized then that we needed to get Joe on the Internet through a commercial provider, too. The focus of our activities from then on broadened from Grateful Med alone to the Internet.

Our project blossomed as Joe discovered Marty Howard's HIV/AIDS Home Page [an exhaustive, personally developed compendium of AIDS information at <http://www.smartlink.net/~martinjh/>], downloaded program and education ideas, and learned to electronically distribute this information to members of the Rural and Alaska Native HIV Network (RA-NHIVNET) living everywhere from Ketchikan to the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta to the North Slope and along rivers and valleys between.

An unexpected outcome of the project was accomplished when I was able to spend a day at the NN/LM PNR office learning to publish a web page for the Project, the URL for which is http://www.alaska.net/~bendersk/aidshiv.htm

Although I really didn't grasp what HTML was all about in that one day of intense Netscape massaging, it turns out to have been very productive. I have since published several home pages for hospital and native corporations.

Joe Cantil and his entire HIV/AIDS Project have taken on a new complexion. He is connected with other HIV/AIDS Educators and Program Managers. He gets the CDC AIDS Daily News each morning, interacts with people about ideas and meetings on e-mail, and is encouraged and inspired by the ideas and knowledge he has through his new cyberspace connections.

Introducing the National Online Training Center

Mary Mylenki, Associate Director, Middle Atlantic Region

The New York Academy of Medicine and the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region were very pleased and gratified that this region was chosen to be the National Online Training Center, replacing the former three online centers. The reason for this change is purely in the interest of cutting costs. Prior to 1993 a portion of online user fees supported the online training program. Effective in 1993 the costs of the online training program could no longer be included in the calculation of online user fees. Therefore, in order to reduce the overall costs of the online training program, it was decided that the program would be centralized into one National Online Training Center reporting to the NLM.

The National Online Training Center will be staffed by three online instructors who will teach all classes offered at sites across the country. (Some classes will continue to be offered at NLM, taught by NLM staff.) There will be a minimum of 30 *Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching* classes scheduled each year; these will be held at all eight of the RMLs plus some additional sites, to provide the broadest possible coverage for health sciences librarians and other potential searchers throughout the country. Registration for all online classes, except those presented at NLM, will be handled by the National Online Center.

The specialized modules on various databases will no longer be offered. This is due to the high cancellation rates for these various modules when they were offered at all sites over the last five years.

Maureen Czujak, Assistant Director for Online Training, will continue to head the online training program, assisted by Mary Van Antwerp, Online Analyst. Recruiting has begun for a third trainer to share this heavy schedule with Ms. Czujak and Ms. Van Antwerp. Beginning in the fall the Fundamentals class will be revised to be only two days in length. The regional newsletters will list classes. In addition, we have created a National Online Training Center Web page which you can reach through the NN/LM Web site.

The National Online Training Center will also be the central source for obtaining non-billed codes that may be used for both MEDLARS and/or Grateful Med training classes or demonstrations. For more details, please see the NLM Technical Bulletin.

Visit NN/LM's National Online Training Center Home Page:
`http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/mar/online/`

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hlib-nw@u.washington.edu

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listproc@u.washington.edu

To subscribe:
subscribe hlib-nw first-name last-name

To get help and a list of all commands:
help

'Net News

Maryanne Blake

"Now for some late-breaking news in medicine . . ." Finding a specific medical news story that has just been published in a newspaper or the popular magazine press, or aired on radio or television, can be a daunting project. The Internet may be able to help. There are Web sites that provide up-to-the-minute news on all topics, including science, medicine and healthcare. The following brief, annotated list provides a starting point in your pursuit of that article. Remember also that search engines like AltaVista are powerful tools in your quest.

Achoo-On-line Healthcare Services: Healthcare Headline News
`http://www.achoo.com/newspage/`

A list of healthcare subjects like equipment, devices and supplies, company tracking, clinical areas and pharmaceuticals, and seven other broad areas are further broken down into narrower topics to provide point-and-click access to individual stories. Be aware that you MUST register to get to full-text. Some services are free, others are a monthly subscription. Check to see what you get with the basic, free service. Good access to healthcare business news but you must pay for some of that.

American Medical Association Web Site
`http://www.ama-assn.org/`

At the AMA home page click on news. You will find the AMA Science News Press Releases and Weekly News Press Releases available on the first four Tuesdays of each month. These are full text from JAMA reports, other AMA specialty journals, and non-AMA publications. You must register, but not pay, to access this site. Many of these press releases are the basis of medical news stories for that week.

Biomedicine & Health in the News
`gopher://inform.uchc.edu/`

Follow the gopher link to the UCHC Lyman Maynard Stowe Library. The purpose of this site is to "to provide quick access to the biomedical, scientific and health journal literature referenced in newspaper articles appearing in the New York Times." Each citation provides the article headline, a brief abstract of the New York Times article, a complete citation to the news article, and, if possible, the citation for the original article on which the news report is based or as much information to help the researcher get to the source of the information. This site also links to a University of

Minnesota gopher site that does similar indexes for the Minneapolis *Star Tribune.*

CNN News Page
`http://www.cnn.com/HEALTH/`

The headline, and other, news stories in the area of medicine, some are full text and others are brief summaries. Numbers of the stories are from Reuters or AP News Wire. You can search back issues by keyword with a search tool

Modern Healthcare News
`http://www.modernhealthcare.com/news/`

A good resource for the business of healthcare news. To get more than the summaries from the current news you may need to subscribe. The Time Machine feature lets you look at the past four issues of *Modern Healthcare* and search for particular topics. You can then see the full text of the citations you retrieve.

MSNBC
`http://www.msnbc.com/`

MSNBC is the latest entrant into the "news on the Web" pack. It is made available by the combined resources of Microsoft and NBC. Health and medical news are not readily apparent but some can be found by looking at both the *News* and *On Air* sections of the site. In the *News* section look at Scitech and Life; in the *On Air* section you must look at each of the links for health-related stories. The best way to find information on this site is to use the Index feature available when you click on *News, On Air* or *Personal.* Very little health and medical information at this time.

The New York Times Syndicate Your Health Daily
`http://nytsyn.com/med/`

Definitely a web site with a consumer health slant. Articles from numbers of sources are available. The page is topped by the Latest News and then you can find "news" stories on many topics under the heading Common Topics. Many of these are not from newspapers or wire services but from something called the Medical Tribune News Service. Links to other medical news sites are also provided, as well as a keyword search tool and links to discussion groups.

Reuters Health Information News Services, Inc.
`http://www.reutershealth.com/`

Reuter's News Service gives you their top healthcare news stories, updated daily, in full text. Click on the

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radio button Medical News and find more news stories, most accessible to non subscribers. There is also a link to the news of the world and a search tool for finding stories. You can tell this site was designed with physicians in mind. There is a weekly case to diagnosis called Clinical Challenge and the Central Line leads one to the "favorite medical web sites reviewed by our physician editors."

USA Today: Healthline

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http://web.usatoday.com/life/health/
    lhd1.htm
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Brief paragraphs in the area of healthcare news. Sometimes the entire article is given. When that happens there is a well-marked link to the full text. Geared towards the public, not health professionals.

Vanderbilt Television News Archive

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http://tvnews.vanderbilt.edu/
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A unique, specialized resource that archives television news broadcasts. It is textword-searchable and gives you text of the broadcasts relevant to your topic. The archives go back to 1968.

Yahoo: Health: Medicine: News

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http://www.yahoo.com/Health/Medicine/News/
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A compendium of sites including many that were already mentioned on this list. There are also some electronic medical newsletters, medical news weeklies, and assorted other "news" sources. Be aware that if you go to the Health and Wellness News on the NewsPage WWW site a subscription is required.

DOCLINE Access Through the Internet

Rosalyn Leiderman, Collection Access Section, NLM

DOCLINE telecommunication costs average $800,000 each year. As DOCLINE libraries know, NLM absorbs all telecommunication costs. A recent NLM study shows that only 20-25% of DOCLINE libraries use Internet. Some libraries use both the value added networks and Internet to access DOCLINE. In an effort to greatly reduce this expenditure, Lois Ann Colaianni, Director of Library Operations at NLM, is asking that all Resource Libraries with Internet access switch to using this method exclusively to access DOCLINE by October 1, 1996, or at the latest by the end of 1996. Primary Access Libraries with Internet access are also encouraged to follow this timeline. The goal is to have all DOCLINE libraries accessing DOCLINE via the Internet by 1998.

Colaianni has asked the NN/LM offices to make this a high priority within their regions. If you have attempted to use DOCLINE via the Internet and have encountered problems, please contact your DOCLINE Coordinator [Nancy Press for the Pacific Northwest Region] as soon as possible. NLM wants to do whatever it can to enable libraries with Internet capability to access DOCLINE effectively and efficiently.

Directions for telneting to DOCLINE:

1. Using VT100, telnet to NLM: medlars.nlm.nih.gov or 130.14.70.100

2. The NLM Menu Screen will appear

3. Select D to access DOCLINE

Directions for connecting to DOCLINE through the Web:

1. From HyperDoc, click on NLM Database services

2. User can go to DOCLINE or click anywhere on the page that states "telnet"

3. The telnet session will be launched as long as the web browser has the path to telnet software.

Please let your DOCLINE coordinator know if further instructions are needed or if you encounter any problems.

Materials Available for Lending

These materials are intended for the use of librarians and health professionals in the Pacific Northwest Region (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA). Those from outside the region should check with the appropriate NN/LM office for their region; call 1-800-338-7657. Non-librarians and non-health professionals should check with their local public library.

Video Cassettes:

A Closer Look at Grateful Med, 1993, 25 minutes
An excellent instructional tape to use with beginning Grateful Med users.

All Aboard for Healthy Rural Hospitals, (3 Tapes and workbooks), 1991

> a) "Boarding the Success Express," 1 hour, 25 minutes
> b) "The Budget Stop and Fiscal Red Flags," 1 hour, 20 minutes
> c) "Down the Tracks to Stable Hospital Districts," 45 minutes

DOCLINE for Document Delivery, NLM, 1994, 22 minutes. An excellent training tape.

Exploring Internet, University of Washington, 1993, 2 hours

Grand Challenges '93, HPPC, 7 minutes

Humor and Health: Juggling Life's Stress, Dr. Steve Allan Jr. at the National Institute of Health, 1993

Improving Health Through Advanced Computing and Communications, Friends of NLM, 1994, 2 hours. Featuring coverage of the Friends of the NLM Conference at the Smithsonian Institution.

Information Stat: Rx for Hospital Quality Teleconference Highlights, National Library of Medicine, 1992. Features Susan Long from Kalispell, Montana.

Info-Stat Omnibus National Library of Medicine, 1993, 54 minutes total
Segment 9: Circuit Rider
Segment 10: NN/LM
Segment 17: Hospital Library Outreach Services
Segment 21: HPCC
Segment 22: Connecting Hospitals to the NREN

Internet Healthcare Resources and Information Management, NN/LM, New England Region, 1995, 9 minutes. Paul Shivey of JCAHO and C. Everett Koop are featured in this tape, which is ideal to show to health administrators to encourage Internet connectivity.

Libraries, Medical Informatics and Health Care University of Missouri - Columbia - School of Library and Information Science, 5/17/96 Satellite Telecast, 2 hours.

Making a Powerful Connection: Health of the Public and the National Information Infrastructure, U.S. Publication Service's Public Health Policy Coordinating Committee (7 tapes), 1995.

Murder in the Stacks, Columbia University Libraries Preservation Committees, 1987, 14 minutes. Gives a lesson in the care of library materials.

NLM and the Internet, NLM, Jan 1994, 4 minutes.

NLM Update Satellite Broadcast, NLM, Jan 1994

Online Clinical Practical Guidelines, NLM, June 1994

Partnerships for Network Health Information for the Public, University of Washington Video Production, 1995, 2 hours, 55 minutes

Perspectives on the National Information Infrastructure: CSPP's Vision and Recommendations for Action, Computer Systems Policy Project, 1993, 9 minutes.

Providing a Future for the Past, University Microfilms International Preservation Division, 1990, 13 minutes.

Role of the Library in Accreditation, Medical Library Association Satellite Teleconference, 3/13/96, 1 hour, 30 minutes

Why Grateful Med? Greater Midwest Regional Network of Libraries of Medicine, 10 minutes

Slides:

Script and slides for MLA's presentation "The Library's Contribution to Quality: The Bottom Line" 1992

Audio Cassettes:

MLA Annual Meeting Tapes:
1994 MLA Annual Meeting and Exhibits (27 cassettes)
1995 MLA Annual Meeting and Exhibits (72 cassettes)
1996 MLA Annual Meeting and Exhibits (44 cassettes)

List of 1996 MLA Annual Meeting Audio Cassettes

GS1. President's Address - Jana Bradley, Ph.D.

GS2. Plenary Session I - "Silicon Snake Oil: Second Thoughts on the Information Highway" - Clifford Stoll, Ph.D.

GS3. Plenary Session II - The Janet Doe Lecture: "On the Origin of a Species: Evolution of Health Sciences Librarianship" - Robert M. Braude, Ph.D.

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GS4. National Library of Medicine Update

GS5. Inaugural Address - Naomi C. Broering, President, Medical Library Association, Dahlgren Memorial Library, Georgetown University Medical Center, Washington DC

GS6. Plenary Session III - "High Noon in Cyberspace: Showdown at the Copyright Corral" - Laura D. Gasaway, Ph.D., Jessica D. Litman, Ph.D., Robert L. Oakley, Ph.D.

1996 Section Programming

01. Cancer Librarians, Federal Libraries, Hospital Libraries, Nursing and Allied Health Resources, Consumer and Patient Health Information Sections - "New and Innovative Services in Health Care Settings"

02. Dental Section - "They Keep Moving the Hockey Puck: Technological Advances in the World of Informatics"

03. Medical Informatics and Medical School Libraries - "Blazing the Trail to the Digital Library: Electronic Journals"

04. Medical Society Libraries' Section - "Reaching Remote Clients: Electronic Communications Today and Tomorrow"

05. Public Health/Health Administration Libraries, Mental Health Librarians, and Relevant Issues Sections - "The Crisis of Violence in America: Challenges for Health Sciences Librarians to Respond to the Need for Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Address Violence"

06. Public Services Section - "To Boldly Go: New Frontiers for Public Services"

07. Technical Services Section - "Technical Services on the Frontier: The Impact of New Technologies on Technical Services"

08. Veterinary Medical Libraries - "Reintroduction of River Otters in Missouri"

09. Collection Development Section, and Publishing and Information Industries Relations Committee - "Electronic Information in the Networked Environment: Pricing, Licensing and Negotiating"

10. Federal Libraries Section - "Body Talk: The Differences Between Men and Women"

11. History of the Health Sciences Section - "History for the Future: Special Collections on the Information Frontier"

12. Hospital Libraries Section - "On Beyond MEDLINE: Creating Centers of Excellence in Hospital Libraries"

13. Library Research Section - "Library Research Methodologies: Consultation with the Experts"

14. Medical Library Education Section - "Meeting the Challenge: Use of NLM Planning Grants to Affect Future Education and Training of Health Sciences Librarians"

15. Medical School Libraries Section - "The Changing Frontier: Redefining Intra-Institutional Information Management Domains"

16. National Program Committee and Section Council - "Extending Information Access Beyond the Library"

17. Pharmacy and Drug Information Section - "1996 Excerpta Medica Lecture"

18. Veterinary Medical Libraries Section - "The Future of Veterinary Medicine on the Internet"

19. Consumer and Patient Health Information and Medical Informatics Section - "Health On-Line and the Empowered Health Consumer"

20. Educational Media and Technologies, Medical School Libraries, and Public Services Sections - "Settling the Frontier: Using Recent Technologies in Education and Training"

21. International Cooperation Section - "International Partnerships: The Impact of Telemedicine Projects on Library Services"

22. Library Research Section and Research Policy Implementation Task Force - "Evidence-Based Practice for Librarians: Practical Examples of Usable Research"

23. Medical Library Education Section - "New Perspectives on the Information Frontier"

24. Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section and Outreach SIG - "Outreach Frontiers: Programs for Nursing and Allied Health Professionals"

25. Relevant Issues and Public Health/Health Administration Libraries Sections - "HIV/AIDS Information Outreach Projects for the Affected Community and the Public: Strategies for Community Outreach"

26. Pharmacy and Drug Information Section - "Impact of Changes in the Pharmacy Curriculum on Libraries, Schools of Pharmacy, the Pharmaceutical Industry and Practicing Pharmacists"

27. Technical Services Section and the Publishing and Information Industries Relations Committee - "Z39.50: Expanding Access to Information Resources through Open Systems"

28. Late Breaking Topics Session #1 (Tuesday, 11:00 a.m.)

29. Chiropractic Libraries Section - "Alternative Health Care"

30. Consumer and Patient Health Information, Hospital Libraries, and Nursing and Allied Health Resources Sections - "Off the Beaten Path: Exploring New Roles and Services"

31. Educational Media and Technologies Section - "Style and Substance: Establishing a Presence on the World Wide Web"

32. Library Research and Public Services Sections - "Using Scientific Evidence to Improve Public Services in the New Information Frontier"

33. Medical Informatics Section - "Recent Advances in Health Sciences Informatics"

34. Medical Library Education and Public Services - "Skills for the Frontier: Training of the Professionals from Theory to Reality"

35. Medical School Libraries Section - "Cultivating the Frontier: The Fruits of Inter-Institutional Partnerships"

36. National Program Committee and Section Council - "Forging the New Paths for the Electronic Library"

37. Relevant Issues Section and Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Health Sciences Librarians SIG - "Out at Work"

38. Late Breaking Topics Session #2 (Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.)

Manuals:

Funding in the Health Sciences: A Quick Guide, Lisa Ann LoVullo, NN/LM Southeastern/Atlantic Region, April 1993

Accreditation Standards for Management of Hospital Information - Second Edition, Joint Commission, **1994**

Standards for Library and Information Services in Canadian Healthcare Facilities, Canadian Health Libraries Association, **1995**

MLA CE 301: Information Needs & The Health Professional, Cheryl R. Dee, Ph.D. (Watson Clinic Library, Lakeland, FL) & Jane Lambremont (VA Medical Center, Alexandria, LA), 1994 (owned by PNC/MLA).

MLA DocKits:

(Most of these are owned by PNC/MLA)

#1: **Position Description in Health Sciences Libraries**

#2: **Evaluation Instruments for Health Sciences Libraries**

#3: **Collection Development Policies for Health Sciences Libraries**

#4: **ParaProfessional/Technician Position Descriptions in Health Sciences Libraries**

#5: **Descriptive Floor Plans of Library Computer Centers**

Books:

[Owned by WMLA Western Washington Internet Users Group.]

Abrahams, Paul W. and Bruce R. Larson. *UNIX for the Impatient. 2nd edition,* Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1996.

December, John and Neil Randall. *The World Wide Web Unleashed: Everything You Need To Know To Master the Web and Mosaic,* SAMS Publishing, 1994.

Dougherty, Dale and Richard Koman. *The Mosaic Handbook for the Macintosh,* O'Reilly & Associates, 1994. (includes disk)

Fraase, Michael. *The Mac Internet Tour Guide: Cruising the Internet the Easy Way,* Ventana Press, 1993. (includes disk)

Harris, Stuart and Gayle Kidder. *Netscape Quick Tour for Macintosh: Accessing & Navigating the Internet's World Wide Web,* Ventana Press, 1995.

Harris, Stuart and Gayle Kidder. *Netscape Quick Tour for Windows: Accessing & Navigating the Internet's World Wide Web,* Ventana Press, 1995.

The Internet Unleashed, SAMS Publishing, 1994.

Lemay, Laura. *Teach Yourself More Web Publishing With Html In A Week,* SAMS Publishing, 1995.

Lui, Cricket, et al. *Managing Internet Information Services,* O'Reilly & Associates, 1994.

Mui, Linda. *What You Need To Know When You Can't Find Your Unix System Administrator,* O'Reilly and Associates, 1995.

NorthWestNet. *The Internet Passport: NorthWestNet's Guide to Our World Online,* 5th Edition. Prentice Hall, 1995.

Pfaffenberger, Bryan. *The Usenet Book: Finding, Using, and Surviving Newsgroups on the Internet,* Addison-Wesley Publishing, 1995.

Stoll, Clifford. *Silicon Snake Oil: Second Thoughts On The Information Highway,* Doubleday, 1995.

Taylor, Ed. *Demystifying TCP/IP,* Wordware Publishing, 1993.

To order: send email request to: Roberta Allen, rallen@u.washington.edu, or call 1-800-338-7657.

The latest version of this list is available on the Web:
URL: http://www.nnlm.nlm.nih.gov/pnr/etc/lendlist.html

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Regional Calendar

September 10-12, 1996	Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching, Seattle, WA.*
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 1996	*Washington State Joint Conference on Health.* Tacoma, WA. Contact Washington State Public Health Association conference registrar, 206-361-2935.
Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 1996	*Access '96:* Innovative Technology in Libraries, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC, Canada
October 5-9, 1996	Pacific Northwest Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Whitefish, MT
January 13-14, 1997	Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching, Seattle, WA.*
January 24, 1997	*Online Northwest 1997* conference sponsored by the Interinstitutional Library Council, Oregon State System of Higher Education. Portland, OR. Contact Jeanne Davidson, <davidsoj@ccmail.orst.edu>.
May 20-21, 1997	Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching, Seattle, WA.*
May 21-28, 1997	Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.
October 14-17, 1997	Pacific Northwest Chapter/Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
December 16-17, 1997	Fundamentals of MEDLARS Searching, Seattle, WA.*

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